

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 27 and ending on page 8, line 32 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

In a particular embodiment of the present invention, the base material of the non-wovens comprises polypropylene (PP), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and/or polyamide (PA), essentially in a fibrous form. Alternatively, it is of course also possible to employ ~~vegetable~~ natural fibers in place of or in addition to ~~rather than~~ synthetic fibers. Among the various useful natural fibers are seed fibers such as cotton; fruit wall fibers such as kapok, bast fibers such as linen, flax, hemp and jute; and hard fibers such as sisal and cocoa. ~~Naturally, mixtures of natural fibers and synthetic fibers may also be employed optionally.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 and ending on page 9, line 5 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Non-woven fabrics according to the present invention preferably contain a combination of natural fibers, especially cotton, flax, jute, linen, ~~but also and~~ synthetic fibers, such as polybutylene terephthalates, polyethylene terephthalates, nylon 6, nylon 66, nylon 12, viscose or rayon, as the textile fibers, optionally in addition to usual binders.